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1. SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE HUH INFORMED ME LATE YESTERDAY HE HAD CALLED ON FORMIN HUNLEDE AUGUST 26 TO PROTEST TOGO'S JOINING OTHER STATES AUGUST 16 TO REQUEST INSCRIPTION OF ITEM DEMANDING TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND AND WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA (REF B).

2. HUNLEDE'S RESPONSE, ACCORDING TO CHARGE, WAS THAT GOT WAS "NEUTRAL" ON KOREAN ISSUE AND THAT ITS U PERMREP HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TAKE THIS ACTION. HUNLEDE THEN SHOWED HUH CABLE HE HAD JUST SENT TO PERMREP STATING LATTER SHOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON "ALL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS." HUH, WHO NOW HAS COPY THIS CABLE, REPORTED KOREA NOT MENTIONED.

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3. HUH REMINDED HUNLEDE LATTER AND PRESIDENT EYADEMA HAD ASSURED HIM LAST NOVEMBER 8 THAT THEY HAD REPROACHED GOT PERMREP FOR COSPONSORING UNFRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION IN 28TH UNGA (REF E). FOLLOWING THESE ASSURANCES, HUH THEN HAD FOUND STATEMENT MADE BY PERMREP IN VERBATIM RECORD OF FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20 WHICH SHOWED CONTINUING GOT SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA. HUH IS THOROUGHLY DISENCHANTED WITH GOT AND FEELS SEOUL PERHAPS SHOULD CLOSE ITS EMBASSY HERE. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KANG YUNG KYOO, WHOSE IREDENTIALS NOT YET PRESENTED TO EYADEMA AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR, RESIDES ABIDJAN.

4. HUNLEDE RETURNED TO WORK AUGUST 16 AFTER ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF ALOMST SEVEN WEEKS. IN FACT, SINCE MY CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT ON JUNE 7, HUNLEDE HAS BEEN AT HIS DESK ABOUT THREE WEEKS ONLY. TO REESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HIM, I BEGAN SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH HUNLEDE UPON HIS RETURN AND MENTIONED THIS TO HIM AT PRIVATE SOCIAL AFFAIR AUGUST 22. WITH STATE REFTELS (B) AND (C) NOW IN HAND, CALL ASSUMES GREATER IMPORTANCE. FORMIN HAS AGREED TO FIX CALL FOR TOMORROW, AUGUST 30.

5. COMMENT: HUNLEDE AND OTHER MINISTERS (MIVEDOR, KODJO, DOGO, TEVI AND ALIDOU) ARE PREPARING TO ACCOMPANY EYADEMA ON TWO-WEEKS TRIP TO PEKING AND PYONGYANG, DEPARTING THIS WEEKEND. IT WOULD SURPRISE ME IF MY APPOINTMENT WITH HU LEDE MATERIALIZES. NEVERTHELESS, I FEEL APPROACH AUTHORIZED IN REFTEL (A) TO HIM OR NEXT HIGHEST AVAILABLE FORMIN OFFICIAL, MADE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF KEY ISSUES FORTHCOMING UNGA, IS DESIRABLE. GOT'S POSITION MAY HAVE SHIFTED SLIGHTLY FROM LAST AUTUMN WHEN PRESIDENT AND SOME FORMIN OFFICIALS TOLD SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE GOT SUPPORTED SOUTH KOREAN POSITION (REFTEL (E)), EVEN WHILE HUNLEDE WAS MAINTAINING TOGO WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN ON KOREAN ISSUE. KOREAN CHARGE HUH HAS FELT FOR SOME TIME THAT NORTH KOREAN INFLUENCE IN TOGO IS GROWING AT EXPENSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. IT IS TRUE THAT HE IS OUTGUNNED BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF TOTALING SEVEN. THUS, MY RAISING KOREAN ISSUE WITH HUNLEDE OR OTHER FORMIN OFFICIAL MAY NOT BE PRODUCTIVE, ALTHOUGH IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

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